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#### National UFO conference:

Two members of the Project, Debbie Payne and Dominic McNamara, attended the 2004 national UFO conference held in Sydney in June, to present a paper on the progress of the Project's work.

Deb, aided by Dom, gave a one hour PowerPoint presentation on Disclosure Australia. The talk was designed to cover the project's methodology; unveil some previously unknown data and stimulate discussion on the topic. A copy of the text of the talk, together with the PowerPoint presentation, can be found on the Project's web site at <http://disclosure.freewebsite.org>

The talk also called for Australian UFO research groups to consider initiating an Australian wide collection of UFO reports on the Disclosure Australia website. Currently this site holds a collection of South Australian reports between 1932-2004, together with extensive catalogues of observations from air crew; physical trace cases and photographic events. It would be great to see a listing from all states on this site.

Feedback from audience members about this presentation was extremely positive. Comments to Deb and Dom centred around the amount of work which had been undertaken by members of AURA; the audience member's lack of knowledge of the large amount of material which the Government had compiled over the years, and the openness and transparency of the Project's methodology in sharing the material it had uncovered. Naturally, this response is most rewarding to the members of AURA who have spent much time and money over the last year undertaking the work.

#### "People" and "paper" chase:

So far, we have largely concentrated on the paper trail in respect of Federal Government agencies. We have not forgotten that behind the "paper work" lie people who have played a part in the government's investigations over the

years. Bill Chalker has previously reported on his excellent work in locating and interviewing some of these people identified in RAAF papers. The Disclosure Australia Project wishes to build on and expand Bill’s pioneering research. So, to commence our own research in this area, Dom McNamara, in the company of Bill, made a trip to interview an individual who has intimate knowledge of the Government’s past UFO investigations. We will be reporting on the contents of this interview in due course.

Project visit to RAAF base Edinburgh South Australia:

On 3 June 2004, Keith Basterfield, a member of the Project Secretariat visited RAAF Edinburgh to inspect files made available to us under our second Freedom of Information (FOI) request. The purpose of the visit was to identify papers to be photocopied for us.

On arrival at the RAAF Police Security Office, our researcher was ushered into a conference room where two large cardboard boxes, labelled “UFO files” were present. Unpacking these boxes revealed a large number of files, together with a couple of dozen loose items, including sets of photographs.

The files were first checked against the master list previously supplied to us by the Department of Defence. A list of these files is shown in table one below. Following this, an examination was made of each file to determine what papers this Project wished to photocopy. Details of required copies were then given to the attendant RAAF officer.

Table one \ File number \ File title

17/26/Air Pt 1  
Exercise Close Encounters

5/113/Air Pt 10  
Unusual Aerial Sightings

17/9/Air Pt 7  
Unusual Aerial Sightings

5/6/2 Air Pt 1  
UFO’s Prediction Agencies

5/113/Air Pt 5  
Unusual Aerial Sightings

5/113/Air Pt 9  
Unusual Aerial Sightings

5/1/11 Air Pt 1  
Unusual Aerial Sightings (UAS) Admin

6/44/Air Pt 1  
Unusual Aerial Sightings (UAS) Admin

5/6/Air Pt 3  
UAS Policy

11/1  
Information relating to unexplained Aerial Sightings (UFOs) and Photos

5/40/Air Pt 7  
Unusual Aerial Sightings

529/1/4/Air Pt 5  
UFO's Enquiries from members of the public and civilian organisations

5/113/Air Pt 11  
UAS

5/6/Air Pt 1  
UFO's

6/16/Air Pt 1  
UAS

5/3/1/Air Pt 11  
Reportings of Unidentified Aerial Sightings

5/6/1/Air Pt 8  
UFO-reports

5/6/1/Air Pt 15  
UFO-reports

5/113/Air Pt 6  
Unusual Aerial Sightings

5/113/Air Pt 7  
Unusual Aerial Sightings

5/113/Air Pt 8  
Unusual Aerial Sightings

6/9/Air Pt 2  
Unusual Aerial Sightings

554/1/30 Pts 1-3  
Investigations of flying saucers policy

580/1/1 Pts 21-26; 28 & 30-35  
Reports on flying saucers and other aerial objects

5/6/4/Air part 1  
UAS

5/6/4/Air Part 1  
Hessdalen

Table one continued

File number  
File title

5/9/Air Pt 7  
UAS

One of the conditions placed upon our file inspection, given that the files were transferred to Adelaide for us, was that our researcher was not allowed to take down any personal details of witnesses from the papers.

A look through the files revealed a number of interesting items including:

- Original police interview notes with the witness of the 13 June 1985 Lake Clifton WA car pace case
- A report from two Army SAS members who sighted a UFO while on a mission, and during which observation their radio equipment would not work
- A file titled: "Operation Close Encounter" when RAAF aircraft were placed on alert to investigate the source of radar returns
- A file containing lots of pictures and a report from the Hessdalen area of Norway where UFO investigators made some very interesting observations using diverse monitoring equipment including radar
- The set of UFO policy files 554/1/30 parts 1-3
- Several more parts of series 580/1/1 files which contain raw reports.

Following this inspection visit, when we were awaiting advice that photocopies had been made for us, we received a telephone call from RAAF Edinburgh to say that the volume of work was too much for their insufficiently staffed office and that we were not going to receive any photocopies at all! Advice was given to us that now access was to be granted solely allowing us to take written notes (no personal details) about the contents of the files. Arrangements have been concluded for two members of the Project Secretariat to make a series of visits over coming weeks to examine the files in detail.

ASIO file request:

In Newsletter 8 we reported that our Archives Act request to ASIO concerning an early UFO researcher, was negative apart from a "probable file" on a still living UFO researcher. This response from ASIO is now several months old, so we have submitted a further letter to the NAA asking that the ASIO search for the file be expedited.

Mysterious light in 1915:

Recently we uncovered a file (series MP16/1/0 control symbol 1915/3/1288) which discusses an investigation of "mysterious lights at night" by the Intelligence section of the General Staff in 1915!

A complaint was made by a Mrs E Osborne of Wallacedale, Victoria, to authorities. The complaint advised that Mrs Osborne and her family had reported "mysterious lights at night." Mrs Osborne and other local residents were interviewed and told of moving night time lights "high up in the air in the direction of Mount Napier."

As documented on the file, investigation by the authorities revealed that the cause of these lights was "...trappers visiting their rabbit traps" and that "...being very hilly lights seen from Wallacedale at night time would appear to be higher than they really were, especially at a distance."

Project strategic plan revisited:

Almost a year has gone by since we commenced this Project, so it is timely to revisit our Mission Statement, aims and stages.

The Project's Mission Statement is:

To ascertain the extent of official Australian Government knowledge of the UFO phenomenon; then to document both this and civilian knowledge on the subject.

The Project's aims are:

To collect, collate, analyse and disseminate information about what is currently known about Australian Government knowledge of the UFO phenomenon.

To document and make available the "best" Australian UFO cases held by both civilian and Government sources.

To ascertain what knowledge of the UFO phenomenon may not currently be in the public domain, and seek to document and disseminate this information to interested parties.

Stages:

1. To utilise the Federal Archive Act to locate and examine relevant file holdings more than thirty years old.
2. To utilise the Federal Freedom of Information Act to locate records available in this way.
3. To create an archive of "best" Australian UFO cases drawn from both Government and civilian holdings.
4. With this knowledge to then lobby the Australian Government to fully reveal the extent of its knowledge of the UFO phenomenon.

Progress to date:

1. We have located and examined almost 110 possible relevant files in the NAA; summarised many of these and made these summaries available in a number of ways; had the NAA examine and electronically open a number of files; prepared listings of raw UFO reports made to the RAAF and published our findings in this Newsletter, on our web site; through the "Australasian UFOlogist" magazine and via talk at the June 2004 national UFO conference..
2. We have just commenced our work in submitting FOI requests to the RAAF. So far we have received 600 pages under FOI. We will be shortly submitting FOI requests to other Government agencies. However, this is a time consuming and costly process.
3. We have commenced work in building our archive of "best" cases on our web site.

Summary:

The Disclosure Australia Project is the most comprehensive exploration ever undertaken of the interest that the Australian Federal Government has/had on the UFO phenomenon. As such, it is anticipated that it will take 3-5 years to complete.

Further file summaries:

We continue to bring you summaries and catalogues from the 580/1/1 series of RAAF UFO files. Attachments one and two provide a summary and a catalogue for 580/1/1 part 11.

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## ATTACHMENT ONE TO NEWSLETTER 14

### FILES LISTING RAAF FILE 580/1/1 PART 11

11 August 1968 to 31 June 1969

The format of each case is:

Header: showing Date/Location/Time/Duration/Number of witnesses/Gender of witness/ Name of witness(es)/Type of report (Modified Hynek classification)

Modified Hynek classification system

DO - Daylight disk or other shape

NL - Nocturnal light- a point source of light

CE - Close encounter (within 500m) at any time of day or night

RV - Radar visual

DL - Daylight light only – a point source of light

NO - Nocturnal object where the UFO had a defined size rather than being a point source

Photo - Photographs or video were taken

Trace - Ground marking

Note: ( ) items in brackets e.g. (2-3mins) indicates a range.

Text: A summary of the event. Also includes the RAAF's conclusion as to the cause of the event (where known).

Source: Page x on 580/1/1 part 11 held by National Australia Archives. Original file reference (where known).

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11 Aug 68 Taree NSW 1415hrs 1 wit Solomon Photo

Saw silver, silent, 30 foot diameter circular object and took a photo.

pp1-2 of 580/1/1 part 11.

27 Dec 68 Grassy King Island 2030hrs 75mins Several wits. Including 2 wits Upson NO

“Beach ball” moving N to S in straight line. As it moved, in a circle right round it were dozens of tiny stars.” RAAF  
“There remains only one feasible explanation; that the object sighted was possibly an unscheduled non-regular comet.”  
Lost over horizon.

pp19 & 20-25 of 580/1/1 part 11

2 Jan 69 Mildura Vic 2145hrs 15mins 1M Baker NO

White, saucer shape, soundless. 35 deg el. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-satellite.

pp29-30 of 580/1/1 part 11.

18 Jan 69 Singapore to Perth 1415z 1M Captain Morris (5-10mins)

Airline Captain reported at 140 deg 0min S and 108 deg 00 E at 35,000 feet. Boeing 707. White yellow light seen descending from 0 deg to – 2 deg. Plane travelling 550kts tracking 157 deg T. Object fell behind plane gradually. Object disappeared “presumably over horizon into the sea.”

pp83-86 of 580/1/1 part 11.

20 Jan 69 Artarmon NSW 2020hrs 2mins 2F Badham & Bruce NL

White light to left and under Moon. Stationary object lost in mid air. A few seconds before it vanished in mid air, a cigar shape with eight flashing red lights came out of it and flew north at speed.

pp4-8 of 580/1/1 part 11.

21 Jan 69 Rosanna Vic (2125-2130hrs) 1.5secs 1M Nota NL

White round light in the sky 40 deg el. Travelled in straight line lost in mid-air. RAAF “Probable meteorite.”

pp31-32 of 580/1/1 part 11.

1 Feb 69 Clayton Vic 2245hrs 30mins 1 M Roche NL

White light in sky directly overhead. Stationary then moved S in straight line and lost over horizon. RAAF-Echo 2 satellite.

pp37-38 of 580/1/1 part 11.

3 Feb 69 Marion Adelaide SA 2145hrs 1M Ironside NL

Light in S to N. Silver. 10 secs. Sketch indicates silver body yellow light on left front and white light on right front. In centre large grill backed by bright yellow lights.

pp49-56 of 580/1/1 part 11.

4 Feb 69 Mitchell Park SA 2200hrs (5-7mins) Three wits including 1F Edwards NL

Buzzing sound as dark light NW to SE in straight path. Lost in mid-air. Stop, start, hovering several times.

pp57-61 of 580/1/1 part 11.

5 Feb 69 Ferny Creek Vic 2350hrs (2-3mins) 1M Tillotson NL

Airline Pilot. Bright white point source travelling 5deg/min W to E. Soundless. Lost behind hill. Witness thought it was a satellite. RAAF-Echo 2 satellite.

pp33-36 of 580/1/1 part 11.

5 Feb 69. Hawker SA One hour 1M Reid.

White light going to the NE.

pp129-132 of 580/a/1/ part 11.

6 Feb 69 Adelaide SA 2030hrs 5 secs 2wits including Hardie NL

Red with white lights SW to NE. Lost behind trees. Lights on each end. Straight line.

pp62-66 of 580/1/1 part 11.

9 Feb 69 Ipswich Qld 0500z 45mins 1M Molloy

Circular, white object N to S then moved W at very slow speed at high altitude.

p13 of 580/1/1 part 11.

12 Feb 69 East Kelor Vic 2015hrs (5-10mins) 1wit Sandercombe NO

Two objects seen. (1) 45 deg el. Bright green light. NE to SW. Straight path. Lost in mid-air. (2) Over Essendon aerodrome. Flashing light size of Venus. Joined by three lights-one bright green, two orange. E to W. Zig zag path. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-could have been aircraft.

pp42-44 of 580/1/1 part 11.

15 Feb 69 Bondi NSW 2045hrs (5-10mins) 6 wits incl 1F Owens NL

White light seen overhead went NW to SE passed SE of Southern Cross. Lost in mid-air. RAAF conclusion-Echo 2 satellite.

pp9-12 of 580/1/1 part 11.

17 Feb 69 Flinders Park Adelaide SA 0250hrs 25mins 1F Ballestrin CE3

Noise attracted witness. Silver grey inverted saucer on ground. Surrounded by pure white light. Saw humanoid figure walking around object. Heard beeps similar to Morse code for about 10mins.

pp67-71 of 580/1/1 part 11.

18 Feb 69 Brighton Vic 2005hrs 25mins 1F Flannigan NL

Pulsating red light travelled S to N lost over horizon. RAAF conclusion "Could have been...civil aircraft."

pp26-28 of 580/1/1 part 11.

23 Feb 69 Reservoir Vic 2030hrs 30mins 3 wits Maher & Yates & Yates NO

Three objects, one large, two smaller in v formation. White. NW to E. Lost in mid-air. Reappeared then disappeared. RAAF -Echo 2 and aircraft.

pp39-41 of 580/1/1 part 11.

23 Feb 69 Kyogle NSW 1F Gibbs Trace IFO



Scorched grass 20 feet in diameter. Toadstool found and submitted to CSIRO then Govt Botanist. Fairy ring.

pp78-82 of 580/1/1 part 11.

23 Feb 69 Wallsend (State?) 1M Hile Secs

One bright star directly overhead. Going E turned SE. Disappeared in SE.

pp104-105 of 580/1/1 part 11.

Mar 69 Launceston Tas 1925hrs 3mins 1M Holden NL

Moving red and orange light travelling from 45 deg to 5 deg. E. where it disappeared. RAAF-Pegasus 2 satellite.

pp73-75 of 580/1/1 part 11.

5 Mar 69 Maryville NSW 0915hrs 15secs 1F Wilkinson

Red orange burning object going NW in a straight line with trail of smoke. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-meteor.

pp106-108 of 580/1/1 part 11.

7 Mar 69 Darwin NT 1116Z (Less than 1 min) 1M Firth NL

One yellow light low to WNW. 10-15 deg. RAAF-lunar halo.

pp93-95 of 580/1/1 part 11.

7 Mar 69 Darwin NT 1116z 1M Flt Off Neighbour 2mins NL

One yellow light bearing 280 deg. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-lunar halo.

pp96-98 of 580/1/1 part 11.

7 Mar 69 Darwin NT 1116z 2 mins NL

Bright yellow light at bearing 280 deg. Seen by AT Controller and a met. Observer. Maintained constant height est 5-6000 feet. Receded rapidly to W. Nil radar observations.

p15 of 580/1/1 part 11.

11 Mar 69 Darwin NT 1130Z (2-3mins) 1F Bosch NL

Nine lights evenly spread in v formation. Dim glow, milky yellow. Moving fast in straight line. Lost in mid-air.

pp90-92 of 580/1/1 part 11.

12 Mar 69 Claredale Qld (1000-1015hrs Z) 15mins 1F Powell NL

Bright red light in S sky stationary. Went out.

p14 of 580/1/1 part 11.

12 Mar 69 Darwin NT 1130z 1F Bosch 2-3mins NL

Nine lights milky yellow in V formation. Seen overhead moving E.

p15 of 580/1/1 part 11

12 Mar 69 Claredale Qld 2000hrs 15mins 1F Powell NO

One red round object in NW. Stationary. Then disappeared.

pp175-179 of 580/1/1 part 11

12 Mar 69 Clare Qld 2010hrs 5mins 1M Rapisarda NL

Red ball in NW round. Stationary. Then disappeared.

pp180-184 of 580/1/1 part 11.

24 Mar 69 Kotara South NSW 0920hrs 3secs 1M Gill DL

Silver light, elongated silver trail. First seen 35-40 deg. Lost behind hill in SW.

pp100-103 of 580/1/1 part 11.

25 Mar 69 Hendra Qld 2015hrs 15mins 1F Zillman NL

Oval red light. Clicking sound.

p77 of 580/1/1 part 11.

25 Mar 69 Brisbane Qld 2015hrs 15mins 1F Holland NO

Red light-oval shape with red lights all round. Clicking sound. E to NW and return. Lost behind houses. RAAF-Could be lunar halo.

pp87-89 of 580/1/1 part 11.

27 Mar 69 Warridale SA 0300hrs 12mins 1F Refor NO

White light pear shape. Slow speed. Lost behind hill.

pp125-128 of 580/1/1 part 11

28 Mar 69 Launceston Tas 2041hrs 25mins 1M Elston NL

Steady white light green and red flashing imposed. First seen 290 deg Az. Travelling NE. Faded into distance. 300 deg Az. RAAF-Poss Pegasus 1 satellite.

pp220-222 of 580/1/1 part 11.

28 Mar 69 Anna Bay NSW 0505hrs 3 mins 1M Daly NL

Two white/yellow lights moving-first seen 30 deg N. Travelled 45 deg in 3mins in straight line. RAAF-could have been a satellite.

pp110-111 of 580/1/1/ part 11.

4 Apr 69 Southport Qld 0920hrs 4mins 1M Burger DO

Red and green flame with possible smoke trail. Straight path in W. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-could be re-entry of space debris.

pp113--116 of 580/1/1 part 11.

13 Apr 69 Melbourne Vic 2110hrs 45mins 1F Coto NL

Red round light NE to NW. Lost over horizon.

pp215-217 of 580/1/1 part 11

13 Apr 69 Burwood Vic 2115hrs 20mins 1M Millman NO

Yellow oval from SE to NW-circled then continued NW. Lost over horizon.

pp218-219 of 580/1/1 part 11

18 Apr 69 Mangrove to Gosford NSW 2342Z DO

One silver “bubble-like” RAAF- Met balloon.

pp122-124 of 580/1/1/ part 11.

21 Apr 69 Hobart Tas 1925hrs 3secs 1M Pettifer NL

Air Traffic Controller. Yellow/white round light. High in sky dropping behind hill. RAAF-Poss satellite re-entry.

pp212-214 of 580/1/1 part 11

22 Apr 69 Bass Strait 1919hrs 4 secs 1M Hill NL

Pilot. Green light from 60 deg el. To 30 deg el. 240 deg T. Lost in mid –air.

pp210-211 of 580/1/1 part 11.

22 Apr 69 Bass Strait 1919hrs 4secs 1M Rayment NL

Airline pilot. Bright white round balls with 2-3 very small incandescent balls trailing. Lost in mid-air.

pp208-209 of 580/1/1 part 11

25 Apr 69 Greenacre NSW 1920hrs 1min 1F Froml CE1

Travelling in taxi reported circular object with round windows and a dome on top. Low hum sound. 100 feet up. Reported via NSW University Squadron.

pp138-141 of 580/1/1 part 11

6 May 69 Acacia Ridge Qld. 0515hrs 30 mins 1M Frederick NO

Frederick. White light circular base with dome in centre. Object faded as Sun came up.

pp162-164 of 580/1/1 part 11

10 May 69 Adelaide SA 0025hrs 6 secs NL

Two lights white travelling S to N in W. Mr Parsons.

pp152-156 of 580/1/1 part 11

10 May 69 Gold Coast Qld 1753hrs (10-12secs) 1M Lanham NL

Stationary bright light. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-Poss Saturn.

pp165-167 of 580/1/1 part 11.

10 May 69 Montmorency Vic 2345hrs 30secs 1M Coleman NO

Pink/purple half Moon shape. Came from behind a hill. Approx. 300 feet. 3-4mph. Stationary 10 secs then descended vertically. RAAF-Firework or flare.

pp203-205 of 580/1/1 part 11.

13 May 69 Brisbane Qld 2030hrs 30secs 2wits Gerhardt NL

Two blue/white lights. Travelled 85 deg in 30 secs. Lost behind house.

pp171-173 of 580/1/1 part 11.

13 May 69 Brisbane Qld 2030hrs 30 sec 2wits Gerhardt NO

Two bright disks blue/white moving fast to E.

p137 of 580/1/1 part 11.

13 May 69 Fremantle WA 1000hrs 3mins 1F Laurence Do

Dull silver object with vapour trail. Descending towards ground then turned to N. Became too small to be seen.

pp231-234 of 580/1/1 part 11.

15 May 69 Clackline WA 1900hrs 8mins 1M Evans NL

Two lights. Lower one moved to S about 40 deg in 5 mins. Higher one rose to about 30 deg vertically in 5 mins. One light faded and was lost, while the other was still there when observer left.

pp157-160 of 580/1/1 part 11

16 May 69 Kokopo PNG 2 1F Stiller + 1M Keys

UFO

p151 of 580/1/1 part 11.

16 May 69 Southport Qld 0430hrs 20mins 1M Underwood NL

30 deg el over sea. Blue/white light. Stationary. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-Poss Venus.

pp168-170 of 580/1/1 part 11

17 May 69 Stephen's Weir NSW 0400hrs 1M Dillon NL

Red and green object descended over farmer sowing barley. It approached his tractor. It stopped 500 yards away for 2-3 minutes then moved off. At 0410hrs it recede and stopped. RAAF-prob Venus.

Pp142-148 of 580/1/1 part 11.

20 May 69 Floreat Park WA 1F Morris. 0910hrs 5mins DO

White oval/cigar S to N. First seen overhead. Disappeared overhead. After 1-2mins stopped and disappeared. RAAF-Poss Venus.

pp224-226 of 580/1/1 part 11.

23 May 69 Scarborough WA 0745hrs 1min 1M Hyde DO.

Bright white object-silver arms, brilliant centre, first seen overhead. Straight path descending. Disappeared in mid-air.

pp242-244 of 580/1/1 part 11.

23 May 69 Kalamunda WA RV

At 1101,1108,1115,1118,1136 & 1142z, ATC radar-strong stationary paint 300 deg 9NM from Kalamunda. Seen at same time as object like a "big street slight" reported over Cloverdale by a Mrs Cosgrove. Radar returns were strong-stationary. Met. Radar at Perth also had unusual returns but times/dates did not tally with above. Return from this latter radar could have been due to inversion over OTC antennas on ground.

Mrs Cosgrove 1835hrs (1035z) of Cloverdale WA. Blue/white light, with red light on top from SE 12 deg el. Very fast but slow at other times. Stopped overhead for 15mins then left at speed to N.

pp238-241 of 580/1/1 part 11.

24 May 69 Koulama Qld 0900hrs 1hr 1M Dennien DO

Due N. Low elevation. Stationary. Silver colour. Lost in cloud,

p161 of 580/1/1 part 11.

24 May 69 Mt Pleasant 1830hrs 30mins 1F Greenup NL

Round white light W to E. Lost behind hill. RAAF-Poss satellite.

pp191-193 of 580/1/1 part 11.

24 May 69 Launceston Tas 1845hrs 5mins 1M Farrell NL

White circular light W to E. Lost behind cloud.

pp206-207 of 580/1/1 part 11.

24 May 69 Launceston Tas 1915hrs 18 mins 1M Cox NL

Bright light in NNW from SW. Faded in distance.

pp200-202 of 580/1/1 part 11.

25 May 69 Launceston Tas 1953hrs 30 secs 1M Stride NL

Amber or orange light approached from NNW to SSE, Lost overhead in cloud. RAAF-poss satellite.

pp197-199 of 580/1/1 part 11.

26 May 69 Brisbane Valley Qld 1800hrs (3-4mins) 1M Lewis NL

One white moving light. Moving fast. 45 deg el. Straight line. Lost behind hill.

pp186-189 of 580/1/1 part 11.

28 May 69 Maddington WA 1830hrs 30mins 1F Douglas +3 NO

Bright orange light cigar shape S to SE. Lost behind trees.

pp235-237 of 580/1/1 part 11.

29 May 69 Daglish WA 1300hrs 6mins 1M +1F Bowman DO

Silver light in sky with vapour trail. N of W then circling then fell vertically in W. RAAF-Poss Vampire aircraft.

pp227-230 of 580/1/1 part 11

31 Jun 69 Banyule Vic 1835hrs 3mins 1F Starkey NL

Very bright oval light to W, travelling S to N. Lost in mid-air. RAAF Poss Echo 2.

pp194-196 of 580/1/1 part 11.

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## ATTACHMENT TWO TO NEWSLETTER 14

Summary of RAAF file series A703 Control symbol 580/1/1 Part 11 located in the Canberra office of the National Archives of Australia. The file consists of 245 pages, which have been photocopied and numbered by us for reference purposes, and comment in the right hand column. Date range is 11 Aug 1968 to 31 Jun 1969.

### Page \ Item \ Comment

1-2 Letter. 26 Feb 69. B Solomon. 11 Aug 68 saw silver, silent, circular object and took a photo. No photo on file.

3 Letter. 4 Mar 69 from W/c Murphy to B Solomon. Can you forward the negative? No photo on file.

4-7 Proforma. 20 Jan 69 Artarmon NSW 2020hrs 2mins 2 wits Badham & Bruce. White light to left and under Moon. Stationary object lost in mid air. A few seconds before it vanished in mid air, a cigar shape with eight flashing red lights came out of it and flew north at speed.

8 Memo. 5 Mar 69. S/L Hayes Penrith to DOA. Ref 5/15/1/Air(16) re Bruce and Badham pro forma.

9-11 Proforma. 15 Feb 69. Bondi NSW 2045hrs (5-10mins) 6 wits incl 1F Owens. White light seen overhead went NW to SE passed SE of Southern Cross. Lost in mid-air. RAAF conclusion-Echo 2 satellite.

12 Memo. 7 Mar 69. S/L Hayes to DOA re 9-11

13 Telex. 9 Feb 69. 0500Z.UFO report from Mr Molloy Ipswich Qld. White object N to S 45mins then moved W at very slow speed.

14 Telex. 13 Mar 69. Mrs Powell. Claredale Qld. 12 Mar 69. 1000-1015hrs Z Bright red light in S sky stationary. Went out.

15 Telex. 13 Mar 69. HQDAR to DOA. 2 reports (a) 7 Mar 1116Z RAAF ATC and DCA met observer. 2 mins. Bright yellow light at bearing 280 deg. Maintained constant height est 5-6000 feet. Receded rapidly to W. Nil radar observations.

(b) 12 Mar. Mrs Bopsch 2-3mins. Nine lights milky yellow in V formation. Seen overhead moving E.

16 Message form. 18 Mar 69. DOA to HQTVL. Photos of object found and given to American Embassy are unclassified.

More details of this object can be found on file J63/5/40/Air part 1 pp126-138

17 Memo. 5 Mar 69. Administrator to Sec Dept of External Territories. 2 reports of unidentified aircraft.

18 Memo. 14 Mar 69. W/c Carter Resident AF Officer in Port Moresby re 17.

19 Statement. Undated. Flt Lt Gavet. 27 Dec 8. Grassy, King Island. 2030hrs. N to S. Beach ball. 1.25hrs. RAAF "There remains only one feasible explanation; that the object sighted was possibly an unscheduled non-regular comet." Lost over horizon.

20-22 Pro forma. 27 Dec 68. 2 wits Upson. 2130hrs. Grassy, King Island. Beach ball. N to S. Straight path. Lost over horizon. As moved-in a circle right around it were dozens of tiny stars.

23-24 Letter re 19 & 20-22.

25 Memo. 18 Mar 69. W/c Kroll to DOA re 19-24.

26-28 Pro forma. 18 Feb 69. Brighton Vic 2005hrs 25mins. 1F Flannigan. Pulsating red light travelled S to N lost over horizon. RAAF conclusion "Could have been...civil aircraft."

29-30 Pro forma. 2 Jan 69. Mildura Vic 2145hrs 15mins 1M Baker. White, saucer shape, soundless. 35 deg el. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-satellite.

31-32 Pro forma. 31 Jan 69. Rosanna Vic (2125-2130hrs) 1.5secs 1M Nota. White round light in the sky 40 deg el. Travelled in straight line lost in mid-air. RAAF "Probable meteorite."

33-36 Pro forma. 5 Feb 69. Ferny Creek Vic 2350hrs (2-3mins) 1M Tillotson. Airline Pilot. Bright white point source travelling 5deg/min W to E. Soundless. Lost behind hill. Witness thought it was a satellite. RAAF-Echo 2 satellite.

37-38 Pro forma. 1 Feb 69. Clayton Vic 2245hrs 30mins 1 M Roche. White light in sky directly overhead. Stationary



then moved S in straight line and lost over horizon. RAAF-Echo 2 satellite.

39-41 Pro forma. 23 Feb 69. Reservoir Vic 2030hrs 30mins. 3 wits Maher & Yates & Yates. Three objects, one large, two smaller in v formation. White. NW to E. Lost in mid-air. Reappeared then disappeared. RAAF –Echo 2 and aircraft.

42-44 Pro forma. 12 Feb 69. East Kelor Vic 2015hrs (5-10mins) 1M Sandercombe. Two objects seen. (1) 45 deg el. Bright green light. NE to SW. Straight path. Lost in mid-air. (2) Over Essendon aerodrome. Flashing light size of Venus. Joined by three lights-one bright green, two orange. E to W. Zig zag path. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-could have been aircraft.

45 Memo. 18 Mar 69. W/c Kroll to DOA. Ref 5/6/1/Air (122) UFO reports attached.

46 Telex. 20 Mar 69. HQDAR to DOA. UFO reports. Date of second sighting should have been 11 Mar. Both observations probable Moon halo.

47 Copy of 46

48 Memo. J L Legge for Sec Dept External Territories to DOA 19 Mar 69. Unidentified aircraft seen at Aitape PNG 27 Feb 69. W to S.

49-51 Two sketches and statement. 3 Feb 69. 2145hrs D Ironside at Marion SA. Light in S to N. Silver. 10 secs. Sketch indicates silver body yellow light on left front and white light on right front. In centre large grill backed by bright yellow lights.

52-56 Pro forma. D Ironside see 49-51

57-61 Pro forma. 4 Feb 69. Mitchell Park SA 2200hrs (5-7mins) Three wits including Edwards. Buzzing sound as dark light NW to SE in straight path. Lost in mid-air. Stop, start, hovering several times.

62-66 Pro forma. 6 Feb 69. Adelaide SA 2030hrs 5 secs. 2wits including Hardie. Red with white lights SW to NE. Lost behind trees. Lights on each end. Straight line.

67-71 Pro forma. 17 Feb 69. Flinders Park Adelaide SA 0250hrs 25mins. 1F Ballestrin. Noise attracted witness. Silver grey inverted saucer on ground. Surrounded by pure white light. Saw humanoid figure walking around object. Heard beeps similar to Morse code for about 10mins.

One of the few CE3 cases reported to the RAAF.

72 Memo. 19 Mar 69. S/I Luker to DOA. 4 UFO reports (67-71); (62-66); (57-61) & (49-51)

73-75 Pro forma. Mar 69. Launceston Tas 1925hrs 3mins 1M Holden. Moving red and orange light travelling from 45 deg to 5 deg. E. where it disappeared. RAAF-Pegasus 2 satellite.

76 Memo. 26 Mar 69. W/c Kroll to DOA. Report Holden.

77 Telex. 26 Mar 69. From HQAMB to DOA. Report 15mins Mrs Zillman. Oval red light. Clicking sound.

78 Letter. 1 Apr 69. Sec CSIRO to Mrs Gibbs of Kyogle NSW. Thank you for letter re reported landing of saucer. Sent letter and toadstool to Govt Botanist.

79 Letter. 21 Mar 69. Sec CSIRO to Botanic gardens-letter and toadstool.

80 Letter. 25 Mar 69. Govt Botanist to CSIRO. Toadstool identified. Fairy rings.

81 Letter. 12 Mar 69. Mrs Gibbs of Kyogle NSW to CSIRO. Scorched grass 20 feet diameter and toadstool.

82 Letter. 1 Apr 69. Sec CSIRO to DOA. Correspondence between CSIRO and Govt Botanist.

83-85 Pro forma. 18 Jan 69. Singapore to Perth. Captain Morris. (5-10mins) Airline Captain reported at 140 deg 0min S and 108 deg 00 E at 35,000 feet. Boeing 707. White yellow light seen descending from 0 deg to – 2 deg. Plane travelling 550kts tracking 157 deg T. Object fell behind plane gradually. Object disappeared “presumably over horizon or into the sea.”

86 Memo. 2 Apr 69. FO Gardner to DOA. Rept (83-85)

87-89 Pro forma. 25 Mar 69. Brisbane Qld 2015hrs 15mins 1F Holland. Red light-oval shape with red lights all round. Clicking sound. E to NW and return. Lost behind houses. RAAF-Could be lunar halo.

90-92 Pro forma. 11 Mar 69. Darwin NT. 1130Z (2-3mins). 1F Bosch. Nine lights evenly spread in v formation. Dim glow, milky yellow. Moving fast in straight line. Lost in mid-air.

93-95 Pro forma. 7 Mar 69. Darwin NT. 1116Z. 1M Firth. (Less than 1 min) One yellow light low to WNW. 10-15 deg. RAAF-lunar halo.

96-98 Pro forma. 7 Mar 69. Darwin NT. Flt Off Neighbour. 2mins. One yellow light bearing 280 deg. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-lunar halo.

99 Memo. 2 Apr 69. S/I Luker to DOA. 4 reports.

100-103 Pro forma. 24 Mar 69. Kotara South NSW. 0920hrs 3secs. 1M Gill. Silver light, elongated silver trail. First

seen 35-40 deg. Lost behind hill in SW.

104-105 Pro forma. 23 Feb 69. Wallsend (State?) Secs. One bright star directly overhead. Going E turned SE. Disappeared in SE.

106-108 Pro forma. 5 Mar 69. Maryville NSW. 0915hrs. 15secs. 1F Wilkinson. Red orange burning object going NW in a straight line with trail of smoke. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-meteor.

109-111 Pro forma. 28 Mar 69. Anna Bay NSW 0505hrs 1M Daly. 3 mins Two white/yellow lights moving-first seen 30 deg N. Travelled 45 deg in 3mins in straight line. RAAF-could have been a satellite.

112 Memo. 15 Mar 69. From S/I Hayes to DOA. 4 reports.

113 Telex. 16 Apr 69. From HQAMB to DOA. Ufo sighting Mr Burger of Southport. 4 Apr 69. 0920hrs 4mins over W horizon. Red and green ball.

114-116 Pro forma. 4 Apr 69. Southport Qld (3-4mins) 1M Burger. Red and green flame with possible smoke trail. Straight path in E. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-could be re-entry of space debris.

117-119 Copies of 114-116.

120 Memo. 15 Mar 69. S/I Hayes to DOA. Report from RAAF Amberley.

121 Memo. Sec Dept of External Territories to DOA. Aircraft 16 Mar 69. Guasopa, PNG. Prob RAAF Hercules.

122-124 Pro forma. 18 Apr 69. Mangrove to Gosford NSW. 2342Z One silver "bubble-like" RAAF- Met balloon.

125-128 Pro forma. 27 Mar 69. Warridale SA 0300hrs 12mins. White light pear shape. Slow speed. Lost behind hill.

129-132 Pro forma. 5 Feb 69. Hawker SA One hour 1M Reid. White light going to the NE.

133 Memo. 8 May 69. S/I Luker to DOA 3 reports.

134-135 Letter. 20 Apr 69. From R Forbes. Previous letter re air accident in Blue Mtns in 1939. Saw UFO last night 2130hrs Bright light.

136 Memo. 12 May 69. S/I Luker to DOA re Forbes report.

137 Telex. 19 May 69. From HQAMB to DOA. Report 30 secs. Mr Gerhardt and Wife Brisbane. 13 May 69 2030hrs. Two bright disks blue/white moving fast to E.

138-141 Pro forma. 25 Apr 69. Greenacre NSW. 1920hrs 1min 1F Froml. Travelling in taxi reported circular object with round windows and a dome on top. Low hum sound. 100 feet up. Reported via NSW University Squadron.

Civilian UFO investigations revealed this as a CE3 case.

142-148 Report and covering letter. 17 May 69. Stephen's Weir NSW. 0400hrs 1M Dillon. Red and green object descended over farmer sowing barley. It approached his tractor. It stopped 500 yards away for 2-3minutes then moved off. At 0410hrs it recede and stopped. RAAF-prob Venus.

149-150 Memo. 3 Apr 69. From Dept of External territories to DOA. (a) 30 Jan 69. Pagei Patrol Post PNG. Aircraft came from north circled three times and left to N. 20mins. (b) 8 Feb 69. Wutung PNG. 1300hrs. Aircraft flying N S straight wing and single boom.

151 Telex. Date unclear. From ROPNG to DOA. UFO Kokopo PNG. 0500hrs. Mrs Stiller and Mr Keys. 16 May 69.

152-156 Pro forma. 10 May 69. Adelaide SA. 0025hrs 6 secs. Two lights white travelling S to N in W. Mr Parsons.

157-160 Pro forma. 15 May 69. Clackline WA 1900hrs 8mins. 1M Evans. Two lights. Lower one moved to S about 40 deg in 5 mins. Higher one rose to about 30 deg vertically in 5 mins. One light faded and was lost, while the other was still there when observer left.

161 Telex. 29 May 69. Koulama Qld. 0900hrs 1hr. 24 May 69. Due N. Low elevation. Stationary. Silver colour. Lost in cloud. Mr Dennien.

162-164 Pro forma. 6 May 69. Acacia Ridge Qld. 0515hrs. 30 mins. 1M Frederick. White light circular base with dome in centre. Object faded as Sun came up.

165-167 Pro forma. 10 May 69. Gold Coast Qld. 1753hrs (10-12secs)) 1M Lanham. Stationary bright light. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-Poss Saturn.

168-170 Pro forma. 16 May 69. Southport Qld. 0430hrs 20mins. 1M Underwood. 30 deg el over sea. Blue/white light. Stationary. Lost in mid-air. RAAF-Poss Venus.

171-173 Pro forma. 13 May 69. Brisbane Qld 2030hrs 30secs. 2wits Gerhardt. Two blue/white lights. Travelled 85 deg in 30 secs. Lost behind house.

174 Memo. 30 May 69. Penrith to DOA. Four reports included. (171-173); (168-170); (165-167); (162-164)

175-179 Pro forma. 12 Mar 69. Claredale Qld 2000hrs 15mins. 1F Powell. One red round object in NW. Stationary. Then disappeared.

180-184 Pro forma. 12 Mar 69. Clare Qld 2010hrs 5mins 1M Rapisarda. Red ball in NW round. Stationary. Then

disappeared.

185 Memo. 3 Jun 69. From Penrith to DOA. 2 reports. (175-179); (180-184)

186-189 Pro forma. 26 May 69. Brisbane Valley Qld. 1800hrs (3-4mins) 1M Lewis. One white moving light. Moving fast. 45 deg el. Straight line. Lost behind hill.

190 Memo. 5 Jun 69. From Penrith to DOA. Report (186-189)

191-193 Pro forma. 24 May 69. Mt Pleasant. 1830hrs 30mins 1F Greenup. Round white light W to E. Lost behind hill. RAAF-Poss satellite.

194-196 Pro forma. 31 Jun 69. Banyule Vic. 1835hrs. 3mins 1F Starkey. Very bright oval light to W, travelling S to N. Lost in mid-air. RAAF Poss Echo 2.

197-199 Pro forma. 25 May 69. Launceston Tas. 1953hrs 30 secs. 1M Stride. Amber or orange light approached from NNW to SSE, Lost overhead in cloud. RAAF-poss satellite.

200-202 Pro forma. 24 May 69. Launceston Tas. 1915hrs 18 mins. 1M Cox. Bright light in NNW from SW. Faded in distance.

203-205 Pro forma. 10 May 69. Montmorency Vic 2345hrs 30secs 1M Coleman. Pink/purple half Moon shape. Came from behind a hill. Approx. 300 feet. 3-4mph. Stationary 10 secs then descended vertically. RAAF-Firework or flare.

206-207 Pro forma. 24 May 69. Launceston Tas. 1845hrs 5mins 1M Farrell. White circular light W to E. Lost behind cloud.

208-209 Pro forma. 22 Apr 69. Bass Strait. 1919hrs 4secs 1M Rayment. Airline pilot. Bright white round balls with 2-3 very small incandescent balls trailing. Lost in mid-air.

210-211 Pro forma. 22 Apr 69. Bass Strait. 1919hrs 4 secs. 1M Hill. Pilot. Green light from 60 deg el. To 30 deg el. 240 deg T. Lost in mid-air.

212-214 Pro forma. 21 Apr 69. Hobart Tas. 1925hrs 3secs. 1M Pettifer. Air Traffic Controller. Yellow/white round light. High in sky dropping behind hill. RAAF-Poss satellite re-entry.

215-217 Pro forma. 13 Apr 69. Melbourne Vic. 2110hrs 45mins 1F Coto. Red round light NE to NW. Lost over horizon.

218-219 Pro forma. 13 Apr 69. Burwood Vic. 2115hrs 20mins 1M Millman. Yellow oval from SE to NW-circled then continued NW. Lost over horizon.

220-222 Pro forma. 28 Mar 69. Launceston Tas. 2041hrs 25mins. 1M Elston. Steady white light green and red flashing imposed. First seen 290 deg Az. Travelling NE. Faded into distance. 300 deg Az. RAAF-Poss Pegasus 1 satellite.

223 Memo. 10 Jun 69. From HQ Suppt cmd to DOA. Last 9 reports.

224-226 Pro forma. 20 May 69. Floreat Park WA 1F Morris. 0910hrs 5mins. White oval/cigar S to N. First seen overhead. Disappeared overhead. After 1-2mins stopped and disappeared. RAAF-Poss Venus.

227-230 Pro forma. 29 May 69. Daglish WA 1300hrs 6mins 1M +1F Bowman. Silver light in sky with vapour trail. N of W then circling then fell vertically in W. RAAF-Poss Vampire aircraft.

231-234 Pro forma. 13 May 69. Fremantle WA. 1000hrs 3mins. 1F Laurence. Dull silver object with vapour trail. Descending towards ground then turned to N. Became too small to be seen.

235-237 Pro forma. 28 May 69. Maddington WA 1830hrs 30mins. 1F Douglas +3. Bright orange light cigar shape S to SE. Lost behind trees.

238 Investigating officer's report. Kalamunda WA. 23 May 69. ATC radar-strong stationary paint 300 deg 9NM from Kalamunda. Seen at same time as object like a "big street light" reported over Cloverdale by Mrs Cosgrove. Radar returns were strong-stationary. Met. Radar at Perth also had unusual returns but times/dates did not tally with above. Return from this latter radar could have been due to inversion over OTC antennas on ground.

This case also investigated by O H Turner.

239-241 Pro forma. 23 May 69. Cloverdale WA 1835hrs 1F Cosgrove. Blue/white light red light on top. From SE 12 deg el. Very fast at times, slow at others. Stopped overhead for 15mins then left at speed to N.

242-244 Pro forma. 23 May 69. Scarborough WA 0745hrs 1min 1M Hyde. Bright white object-silver arms, brilliant centre, first seen overhead. Straight path descending. Disappeared in mid-air.

245 Memo. 23 Jun 69. From HQ Support Command to DOA. 6 pro formas. (224-226); (227-230); (242-244); (239-241); (235-237); (231-234).

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